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WORKING GROUP ON ECONOMIC DEFENSE POLICY AND PLANNING

Agenda for Meeting of December 19, 1955

1. Establishment of Panel on Research Planning.
2. Working Group assignment concerning emergency action steps—economic warfare.
3. Problem of coordination and implementation of US policy concerning Soviet economic penetration of under developed countries.

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 assigned for secretarial services for WG III

1. Wright ad hoc committee on Schelling report as predecessor to WG III Panel. Wright continues to chair. No meeting on research contemplated soon, until pending projects completed. Subject to call by chairman. Any WG III mbr can request meeting. No discussion panel activity planned.

2. Law: Background as follows. NSRB had program of emerg. action checklists for (a) mobilization + (b) initiation of hostilities. Then NSRB absorbed into ODM. About then EDAC said it thought study suitable forum. Discussion WG III tried find place in govt with central rep'y, found none + WG II paper recommended NSC act. Then Budget Bureau got involved; resolution matter got back to ODM.

Now subject revised. Relocation of key people requires one stimulus to them.

DeLong asks WG III undertake part of the record from State Dept. Washington, D. C. in guide paper. (over.)

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W. Zang also asks prompt action as to other specifics re US actions re OF controls in international conflict situations. In W. Zang memo to Monson, Chman will have secretary distribute copies to WG III mbs

Hale: due discussions Ex of Mrs ODM revitalized this. (NB no unknown results or impact. Warfield study.) NF: what assumptions re war.

You agree, need to know. Let events ODM as ad lte rep. WG III for this.

You: also the relocation exercise + dislocation exercise raised issues re possibly inter-agency coordination.

You: asks ea. agency reflect on steps necessary at what emergency + consider those believed to belong to it. We'll ask ODM participate. WG will meet again now + block out paper. ODM wants your response.

Tuckerman: E has already responded to request in Oct-Nov to state emergency steps + draft legislation, colls, etc. i. Thanks other agencies are also doing this. He thanks. This is to enable govt create reaction in next June's major relocation exercise.

You appoints Tuckerman as his agent to push this project.

Meeting Wed 230 PM State Annex 7 Room 230
ITR Confer. 12m

3. Penetration topics

You stop study 12 colls for review ea. new case or situation as arises to see if US response adequate. Mechanism of EOAC said to be adequate. WG-I was given standing assignment these new cases. Since then penetration activities stepped up + US, UK, et al are considering at top level + perhaps develop coordinated response. Some cases vacate e.g. Burmese rice from pros; Eg. Afghan. You concerned proliferation of cooks in current cases supporting WG-II. You thought of also got problems due extra subjects e.g. W aspects + also got problems involved which makes WG coordination responsible.